

Nightout 2006 is Tuesday August 1!

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The Verizon Wireless Hopeline Program

This year the Seattle Police Department is honored to partner with Verizon Wireless' HopeLine



the gap in services during the weekend to domestic violence victims between the time patrol officers respond to a

Program for this year's Night Out. HopeLine began in 1995 with a commitment to provide voicemail boxes and emergency wireless phones to victims of domestic violence living in shelters. In 2001 it branched out into recycling and re-using donated phones. By the end of 2005 HopeLine had collected more than 2.5 million phones and donated more than \$1 million to organizations engaged in raising awareness and prevention of domestic violence. HopeLine has grown significantly and is now a multifaceted program that includes a successful phone recycling and re-use effort, financial support for local and national domestic violence organizations, community and corporate awareness programs, and partnerships with law enforcement agencies, professional sports teams, educational institutions and corporations nationwide.

call to the time advocates, detectives and prosecutors make contact with the victim for follow up. They provide a variety of services including, emotional support, domestic violence counseling. safety planning, information about the criminal justice system, help in identifying emergency needs and locating resources, transportation to a safe location, transportation for pets of domestic violence victims to animal shelters. If you would like additional information or would like to volunteer for this program contact Dana Lockhart at 615-0890.

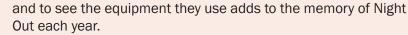
We are asking blocks that would like to participate by donating old phones and accessories, to designate one person who will be responsible for getting all the donations they collect to their local precinct. For those blocks that would like to make this a centerpiece of their Night Out celebration, donation boxes will be available at the precincts two weeks prior to Night Out.

The Seattle Police Department and Verizon Wireless would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this vital program. It is through the generosity of individuals and communities that we are able to assist victims and their families in breaking the cycle of violence they find themselves in.

The Seattle Police Department has been partnering with HopeLine for the last several years. The Seattle Police Department Domestic Violence Victim Support Team has forged a strong relationship between the Program and the Department. Begun in 1999, the Victim Support Team is a unique partnership between community volunteers and police. The program is designed to address

Night Out Visits from the Fire Department

One of the exciting things at many Night Out events each year is the arrival of the local fire fighters and their fire truck. The opportunity for young and old alike to visit with the Fire Fighters





Information on all registered Night Out events will be sent to the Fire Department. When not responding to calls, your local Fire Station will try to visit as many Night Out parties as possible. We are asking you not call your neighborhood station to request they stop by, since individual stations could easily be overwhelmed with requests that they cannot meet.



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On Street Closures

Fees normally assessed to close residential streets, are once again waived for this year's **Night Out** celebrations, Tuesday, August 1 2006.

To register your street closure complete the "street closure" portion of the enclosed application. Applications received after July 24, 2006 will not be eligible. No separate phone call for a street closure is required. Emergency services will be notified so alternate access routes can be planned.

The following are guidelines for neighborhoods that wish to close their streets for Night Out celebrations:

- The street to be closed may only be a single block on a residential street.
 No intersections or arterials may be closed. Please clearly indicate both the hundred block and street name to be closed on your registration form.
- The street must be barricaded and signed. The block must provide its own barricades (garbage cans work well).
- The street closure must be part of the Block's Night Out activities and the street barricaded for a reasonable period of time for Night Out activities. Example: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Even though the street is closed, emergency vehicles must be able to get through. Have assigned neighbors respond to each end of the street to remove barricades in case of an emergency and keep the tables to one side of the street, allowing for an open lane in the event an emergency vehicle needs access.
- Clean up and remove the barricades following your Night Out event.



A Note on Noise

If you plan live music during your Night Out Activities, please be considerate of other neighbors and consider having "unplugged" music instead of "amplified" music. The surrounding neighborhoods will thank you.

Registering for Night Out 2006

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find the materials you will need for this year's Night Out Against Crime. Your registration form, master copies of the invitations to your neighborhood event and a master copy of your street closure signs are all included. This will be the only mailing sent out this year. All of the master copies that are enclosed can be downloaded from our web site.

Registration Form:

The Registration Form needs to be filled out and returned before July 24, 2006. When you mail in your registrations you will be mailing it directly to the Police Precinct that serves your neighborhood. Like last year, all Night Out registrations will be handled by the Crime Prevention Coordinator in your Precinct. If you want to register on-line, you can do so at the Seattle Police Department web site at www.seattle.gov/police and follow the directions provided. Upon receipt of this form, your block will officially be registered for Night Out. Registered blocks will be

granted their street closure requests Information on registered blocks is shared with the Fire Department so they are aware of streets that will be closed.

Invitations:

Master copies for two invitations are available in this newsletter. The first one is titled "Let's Get Together" and should be distributed to your neighbors as soon as possible. The second is titled "Event Reminder Notice" and should be distributed the week before NIght Out.

Street Closure:

You will need to make at least four copies of the street closure sign which should be posted the week-end before Night Out.

Due to the large number of registrations received by Coordinators, you will not receive verification upon receipt of your registration. Unless it is returned, assume that it has been received and your block is registered.



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